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FOR: ARA - ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, BL

SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF GOB PLANNING MINISTER,  
JUAN LECHIN

1. GOB MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION JUAN LECHIN HAS ADVISED EMBASSY HE PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 3 IN PREPARATION FOR THE IBRD-SPONSORED CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON BOLIVIA TO TAKE PLACE IN PARIS IN LATE MARCH. WHILE IN WASHINGTON MINISTER LECHIN WISHES, AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT BANZER, TO VISIT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE MARKET SITUATION FOR TIN, POSSIBLE GSA TIN STOCKPILE SALES AND OTHER GENERAL MATTERS.

2. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT AN APPOINTMENT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN BE ARRANGED. THE GOB HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICIES MIGHT AFFECT BOLIVIA AND IT HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN A SENIOR-LEVEL EXCHANGE. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING MINISTER OF INTERIOR PEREDA'S RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON HE WAS

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NOT ABLE TO SEE A SENIOR ARA OFFICIAL. ALTHOUGH LECHIN HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE U.S. CITIZEN PRISONER ISSUE, SUCH A VISIT ALSO WOULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO THE GOB'S THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO THE SUBJECT.

3. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED STATE 039605 AND IS  
PLEASED THAT THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE ASEAN GROUP WERE FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING.  
ALTHOUGH LECHIN HAS NOT EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH  
DEPARTMENT'S COMMODITY EXPERTS, IT APPEARS TO US  
THAT A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ,  
FOLLOWING SO CLOSELY ON HEELS OF ASEAN VISIT TO  
BOLIVIA, ALSO MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO  
REVIEW BOLIVIA'S POSITION REGARDING RATIFICATION OF  
THE FIFTH ITC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMEN'S  
ADVICE ASAP ON THIS PRIOR TO RAISING IT WITH LECHIN.  
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